



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Pierre Côté

This award is presented to individuals who have given meritorious service to education and/or the teaching profession at the provincial/territorial, national or international level.

Nominated by the Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers' Association (OSSTF/FEESO)



Pierre Côté has represented the interests of teachers and education workers in Ontario with numerous provincial governments, the Ontario Teachers' Insurance Plan, the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, and the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System, to name a few.

He came to the OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office from the Ottawa area where he was a psychologist for the Conseil des écoles publiques d'Ottawa-Carleton and the Ottawa Board of Education.

In 1997, Pierre was hired to work in the Communications and Political Action Department and was later promoted to Director. He became the Associate General Secretary in

2007, and then held the position of General Secretary from 2010 until his retirement in 2021. Known for his leadership, professionalism, and for providing sage advice to the Provincial Executive and affiliate colleagues, Pierre has navigated the Federation through challenging times and milestones.

Playing a significant role in OSSTF/FEESO's reengagement with CTF/FCE, he led the Federation to renew its ties with affiliates across the country. Pierre also supported the Federation's involvement in fighting for public education and for the rights of teachers and education workers internationally. For almost a quarter of a century, Pierre has been an unwavering proponent for teachers, education workers, and public education in Ontario and around the world.